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Title: Intelligent Billing Statement
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Information Disclosure Statement

Consideration of the information contained in the documents listed below is respectfully requested.

U.S. Patents

4,752,675 issued June 21, 1988 to Zetmeir for "Method of Collecting Response Data From Direct Mail Advertising" – shows optical encoding of mail.
4,921,107 issued May 1, 1990 to Hofer for "Mail Sortation System"-shows computer-based mail sorting.
5,249,687 issued October 5, 1993 to Rosenbaum et al for "Barcode Translation For Deferred Optical Character Recognition Mail Processing"-shows mechanical mail sorting of OCR processed mail along with other types of encoded mail.
6,176,428 issued January 23, 2001 to Joseph et al for "Techniques For Reading Postal Code"-shows a hand-held optical bar code reader and techniques for decoding postal codes.
6,178,411 issued January 23, 2001 to Reiter for "Interactive Process For Applying Or Printing Information On Letters Or Parcels"-shows computer-based system for printing optical bar codes and advertising information on letters or parcels.
6,510,992 issued January 28, 2003 to Wells et al for "In-line Verification, Reporting, And Tracking Apparatus And Method For Mail Pieces"-shows preparation of mail pieces for delivery with optical coding of address information on envelopes.

Publications

"RFID Case Study – Italian Post Office Application" published 2001 by Escort Memory Systems, a Datalogic Group Company-discusses a mail bag and priority mail tracking system using rfid tags attached to a mail sack or placed inside individual envelopes for delivery tracking purposes.

"Postal Mechanization/Early Automation" (publication date unknown) printed from an Internet web site on 9/30/2003-generally discusses early automation of mail processing through the 1990's

"Korea Post Office Selects Symbol Technologies' SPT 1500 Pocket-sized Computer for Mail Sortation" press release dated March 15, 1999 by Symbol Technologies Company-describes a hand held bar code reader used by the postal system in Korea.

"U.S. Postal Service: Intelligent Mail (I-Mail) for Improved Security Executive Overview: The Promise of Secure Digital Mail" published 2003 by Symbol Technologies Company-describes the use of bar codes for mail to improve security.

"Application Note mifare (Card) Coil Design Guide" published September, 2002 by Philips Semiconductors company (Docu-No: 011730)-describes design considerations for coils used with rfid chip sold by Philips Semiconductors under the trademark "mifare".

Respectfully submitted,



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